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The Hungarian Government is seeking to increase its production of bauxite, and has opened a number of new mines. The following information will give some idea of the prospects for stepping up production.

1. The largest deposits lie in the Transdanubian region. The line along which the deposits lie stretches from Sümeg to the Aggtelek plateau, which is in northeastern Hungary, but east of the Danube no mining has been carried out up to now.
2. Traces of bauxite have been found all along this line, and specifically at Budakeszi, Budapest-Zugliget, and on Mount Nagyszál, north of Vác.
3. The greatest quantities of bauxite are found in the zone of Ajka-Bóde-Padrag-Halimba-Nyirád-Csábredek-Sümeg. It is estimated that from 180 to 200 millions of tons are still to be mined here.
4. A second zone of bauxite mines lies around Iszkaszentgyörgy, where subsoil deposits are estimated at from 20 to 24 million tons.
5. The third zone lies around Gant. Here the amount of bauxite is estimated at from 11 to 12 million tons. (Early in the War the most important bauxite mining in Hungary was carried out here.)
6. At Mesterberék there is an estimated 9 to 10 million tons, and in a number of small places elsewhere in the country total eventual production is counted at from 20 to 25 million tons.

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